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RESPONSE

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claim 25 has been withdrawn from this application and will be prosecuted along with other method claims in a divisional application.

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 19, 2001, rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C §103 as being unpatentable over Haskins, U.S. Patent No. 3,995,794 in view of John et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,860,369 and Shuert, U.S. Patent No. 4,550,830. Claims 1, 23, and 24 were amended on February 6, 2001, to require a clearance space located below the deck between the legs except for the central support located intermediate each pair of opposing sides of the deck. The Office Action acknowledges that none of Haskins, John and Shuert have the claimed